

NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

CHANCERY HOUSE,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA.

12th March, 1953



Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year 1952 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the past year 69 vessels, with a tonnage of 13,913 have arrived from foreign ports, and 1,397 coastwise vessels, with a tonnage of 462,486 have entered the Port. These figures compare with 151 foreign arrivals, (35,257 tons) and 1,161 coastwise arrivals, (416,257 tons) for the previous year.. The foreign arrivals show a decrease of 82 vessels (21,344 tons), and coastwise arrivals show an increase of 236 vessels (46,229 tons), the combined totals showing an increase of 154 vessels (24,885 tons). Passenger vessels and fishing vessels are not included in these totals.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals:-

SECTION I. STAFF

Table A

Name Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
Dr.A.J.Partridge Chantry House, Shoreham-by-Sea. Phone Shm 3012	Acting Medical Officer of Health	1944	F.R.C.S.(Eng) L.R.C.P. D.R.C.O.G.	Private practice
Dr. J. M. Jones	Assistant Medical Officer of Health	1952	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.	Private practice
Mr. J.W.Thurman	Sanitary Inspector	1926	Cert R.S.I. Food cert, R.S.I.	Senior Sanitary Inspector SHOREHAM-BY-SEA
Mr. P. M. Ennis	Assistant Sanitary Inspector	1952	R.S.I. & S.I.J.B., Cert.,	Additional Sanitary Insp., SHOREHAM-BY-SEA
Mr. A. H. Holt	Assistant Sanitary Inspector (Brighton)	1937	Cert R.S.I. Food cert, R.S.I.	Housing Manager, BRIGHTON
Mr.T.A.Eardley	Deputy Sanitary Inspector	1942	R.S.I. & S.I.J.B. Food cert R.S.I.	Sanitary Inspector SOUTHWICK

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

Table B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	<u>Number inspected</u>		Number of vessels reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports	69	13,913	0	30	0
Coastwise	1,397	462,436	0	105	0
Total	1,466	476,399	0	135	0

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

Table C

Passenger Traffic.

Passenger steamers have called at Brighton Pier from Coastwise ports during the summer months.

Cargo Traffic.

The principal imports of foreign goods have been 22 cargoes of timber and 10 cargoes of fertilizer.

Coastwise cargoes have been principally coal (578 cargoes) oil (433 cargoes) stone (59 cargoes) slag (57 cargoes) shingle (57 cargoes) and packed foods (37 cargoes).

Exports during the year comprise 60 cargoes of scrap iron, 57 cargoes of cement, 6 cargoes of tar, 6 cargoes of machine parts, and 6 cargoes of barley.

Foreign ports from which vessels have arrived.

FRANCE	Dieppe, St Malo, Dunkirk, Rouen, Brest, Cherbourg, Bayonne, Nantes, Caen, Boulogne, Gravelines, Calais.
BELGIUM	Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges.
HOLLAND	Rotterdam, Delfzyl, Terneusen, Flushing, Amsterdam.
GERMANY	Hamburg
NORWAY	Oslo
SWEDEN	Skoghall, Halmstad, Hudicksvall, Kopmanholman, Sundsvall, Stugsund, Skutskar.
FINLAND	Fredrikshamn, Pernoviken.
U.S.S.R.	Archangel.
MOROCCO	Casablanca

The principal coastwise ports from which vessels have arrived, with the number of arrivals inset, are:-

Southampton	(478)	Middlesbrough	(43)
Goole	(146)	Sunderland	(40)
Tyne Ports	(145)	Dublin	(36)
London	(83)	Port Talbot	(30)
Blyth	(58)	Porthoustock	(28)
Amble	(54)	Hartlepool	(25)
Seaham	(51)	Flexborough	(15)

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no barge traffic other than tankers plying within the Harbour

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the port is from the Brighton Corporation Waterworks and is supplied to the ships by hosepipes. No samples have been taken by this Authority during the year.

There are no water-boats used at the port.

SECTION VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

- (1) The list of infected areas is supplied to the Preventive Officer at the office of H.M. Customs and is corrected weekly.
- (2) There are no arrangements made for sending or receiving radio messages to or from ships arriving at the port.
- (3) All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by H.M. Customs Officers immediately on arrival, and any case of existing or suspected infectious disease is notified by telephone. Declarations of Health are received from the Masters of vessels from foreign ports, other than excepted ports, by the Customs Officers and handed to the Sanitary Inspector. Inquiries are also made as to the existence of infectious disease on vessels during the routine inspections.
- (4) A mooring station has been designated as required by Articles 22 to 30 of these regulations and is situate in the Southwick Canal immediately west of the dry dock.

The provision of an additional mooring station outside the Harbour is considered to be impracticable.

- (5) (a) Hospital accommodation for cases of infectious disease is provided at the Foredown Hospital, Portslade.
(b) No arrangements have been made for special premises or waiting-rooms for medical examinations. Such would have to be improvised if required.
(c) There is no station provided for the cleansing, disinfection, or de-infestation, of infectious or verminous persons and their clothing, but facilities could be promptly obtained if required by arrangement with a neighbouring Authority.

SECTION VII. SMALLPOX

- (1) Arrangements have been made for the removal of smallpox cases to Long Reach Hospital, Dartford.
- (2) The transport of smallpox patients would be by ambulance provided by the Brighton Corporation.
- (3) The Consultant in respect of suspected cases of smallpox is Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health, Brighton.
- (4) The Public Health Laboratory in Brighton is available for the examination of specimens submitted for diagnosis.

SECTION VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

Facilities are available for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, on Mondays at 4.30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m., to 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 1.30 to 4.30 p.m., and at the Worthing Hospital on Wednesdays at 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., and on Fridays at 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., printed leaflets stating the place and time of venereal disease clinics available in the district are handed to the masters of vessels for the information of the crews.

SECTION IX.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON SHIPS

There have been no cases of infectious disease landed from ships during the year, and no cases have been reported as occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of before arrival.

SECTION X.

There have been no cases of malaria reported during the year.

SECTION XI.

No measures have been required to be taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

SECTION XII.

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Inspections and enquiries are made in respect of rat infestation during the routine inspections.

(2) Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rats by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Brighton.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

(3) No facilities are available locally for deratisation by gassing, but the services of a trained Rodent Operator could be promptly obtained from a neighbouring Authority if required.

(4) No rat-proofing of ships from foreign ports has been required.

Table E.

No rat infestation has been found on ships from foreign ports.

Table F.

The Port is not on the list of ports approved by the Ministry of Health for the issue of Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates. An agreement has been made under which the Southampton Port Health Authority arrange for the employment of it's Officers in executing the provisions of the Regulations in the district of this Authority.

SECTION XIII.

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

Table G.

Nature and number of inspections.		Notices served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory	Others	
British	59	0	1	Notice complied with
Other nations	76	0	0	---

SECTION XIV.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

The removal or taking for sale for human consumption of any shell-fish from the Harbour and the waters of the river Adur between the entrance to the Harbour and the town of Shoreham-by-Sea is forbidden except for the purpose of relaying. No instance of selling shell-fish taken from the prohibited area has been observed.

SECTION XV.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

The port is not an approved port for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI.

Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship are made with the Authority in whose district the vessel is berthed.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ANTHONY PARTRIDGE

Acting Medical Officer
of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
New Shoreham Port Health Authority.